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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER MACEACHEN'S MEETING WITH
SECRETARY

1. ACTING EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UNDER-SECRETARY TOWE CALLED THIS EVENING AUGUST 5 TO SAY THAT MACEACHEN WOULD BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT SECRETARY'S INVITATION FOR MEETING IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 16-17. MACEACHEN IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER INVITATION IS FOR BOTH DAYS OR ONE OR THE OTHER. BEING ON VACATION HE EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR AUGUST 17, BUT WOULD COME BOTH DAYS IF DESIRED.

2. MACEACHEN WOULD EXPECT TO BRING DELEGATION OF SIX OR SEVEN (UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON, AMBASSADOR WARREN, SPOKESMAN SHORTLIFFE, EXPERTS ON LOS, FISHERIES AND BOUNDARIES, AND POSSIBLY ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS).

3. MEACEACHEN IMAGINES THAT AGENDA WOULD INCLUDE LOS, FISHERIES, BOUNDARIES, BORDER TELEVISION, AS WELL AS CIEC, SALT, POSSIBLY CSCE AND MIDDLE EAST.

4. RECOMMENDATION: MACEACHEN'S VISIT WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK OUT THE RANGE OF BILATERAL ISSUES. PRESS ATTENTION TO US/CANADIAN DIFFERENCES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER HAS NOW AGAIN REACHED THE POINT WHERE IT
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WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO MEET AT SECRETARY LEVEL

WITHOUT ADDRESSING THE FULL RANGE AND BEING ABLE TO
REPORT AFTERWARDS SOME PROGRESS.

5. FOR THIS PURPOSE, SECRETARY MIGHT WISH TO INCLUDE
ECONOMIC CABINET MEMBERS IN SOCIAL EVENTS THAT HE GIVES
FOR MACEACHEN.

6. THUS BEST FORMAT MIGHT BE DINNER NIGHT OF 16TH
FOLLOWED BY TALKS THE MORNING OF THE 17TH.

7. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO DISCUSS THE BORDER
TELEVISION ISSUE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, I THINK IT WOULD BE
A MISTAKE TO LET THE CANADIANS USE THAT (AS THEY CLEARLY
HOPE TO) AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE BILATERAL MEETING AT
EXPERT LEVEL WE HAVE LONG SOUGHT ON THIS ISSUE. TOWE
ADMITTED TO ME TONIGHT THAT THE CABINET HAD ALL BUT
DECIDED TO PROMULGATE THE TELEVISION PROVISIONS OF C-58
EARLY IN SEPTEMBER. SUCH ACTION COULD LEAD TO A DAMAGING
COUNTERACTION BY US BORDER STATIONS, PARTICULARLY IF IT
WERE TAKEN BEFORE ANY CANADIAN PROPOSALS ON COMMERCIAL
DELETION HAD BEEN PUT ON THE TABLE.

8. THUS REQUEST I BE INSTRUCTED TO SAY THAT SECRETARY
WILL BE WILLING TO DISCUSS TELEVISION COMMERCIAL
DELETION, BUT ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF AN AUGUST MEETING
AT EXPERT LEVEL TO EXAMINE SOLUTIONS.
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